

**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method of utilizing a software product, said software  
product including data on a fixed media, said method  
comprising the steps of:

utilizing said data on said fixed media; and

10 utilizing a network-based data while the software  
product is in use for temporarily replacing outdated or  
errored data on said fixed media.

15 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the network-based data is  
downloaded for use only when said data is about to be  
utilized.

20 3. The method of Claim 2 further comprising the step of  
determining whether said software product contains  
outdated or errored data upon running said software  
product.

25 4. The method of Claim 3 wherein the determining step  
includes the step of accessing said network to download  
tags of said outdated or errored data if there is  
outdated or errored data.

30 5. The method of Claim 4 wherein when an outdated or  
errored data is going to be used, a tag corresponding  
to said data is used to download the network-based data  
to temporarily replace the outdated or errored data.

6. A computer program product on a medium for utilizing a  
software product, said software product including data  
on a fixed media, said computer program product  
comprising:

5 code means for utilizing said data on said fixed media;  
and

10 code means for utilizing a network-based data while the  
software product is in use for replacing outdated or  
errored data.

15 7. The computer program product of Claim 6 wherein the  
network-based data is downloaded for use only when said  
data is about to be utilized.

20 8. The computer program product of Claim 7 further  
comprising code means for determining whether said  
software product contains outdated or errored data upon  
running said software product.

25 9. The computer program product of Claim 8 wherein the  
determining code means includes code means for  
accessing said network to download tags of said  
outdated or errored data if there is outdated or  
errored data.

30 10. The computer program product of Claim 9 wherein when an  
outdated or errored data is going to be used, a tag  
corresponding to said data is used to download the

network-based data to temporarily replace the outdated or errored data.

11. An apparatus for utilizing a software product, said  
5 software product including data on a fixed media, said  
apparatus comprising:

means for utilizing said data on said fixed media; and

10 means for utilizing a network-based data while the  
software product is in use for replacing outdated or  
errored data.

12. The apparatus of Claim 11 wherein the network-based  
15 data is downloaded for use only when said data is about  
to be utilized.

13. The apparatus of Claim 12 further comprising means for  
20 determining whether said software product contains  
outdated or errored data upon running said software  
product.

14. The apparatus of Claim 13 wherein the determining means  
includes means for accessing said network to download  
25 tags of said outdated or errored data if there is  
outdated or errored data.

15. The apparatus of Claim 14 wherein when an outdated or  
errored data is going to be used, a tag corresponding  
30 to said data is used to download the network-based data  
to temporarily replace the outdated or errored data.

16. A computer system for utilizing a software product,  
said software product including data on a fixed media,  
said computer system comprising:

5           a memory device for storing data; and

10           a processor for processing said stored data, said  
              stored data for utilizing said data on said fixed media  
              and for utilizing a network-based data while the  
              software product is in use for replacing outdated or  
              errored data.

15           17. The computer system of Claim 16 wherein the network-  
              based data is downloaded for use only when said data is  
              about to be utilized.

20           18. The computer system of Claim 17 wherein said stored  
              data for determining whether said software product  
              contains outdated or errored data upon running said  
              software product.

25           19. The computer system of Claim 18 wherein determining  
              whether said software product contains outdated or  
              errored data code means includes accessing said network  
              to download tags of said outdated or errored data if  
              there is outdated or errored data.

30           20. The computer system of Claim 19 wherein when an  
              outdated or errored data is going to be used, a tag  
              corresponding to said data is used to download the  
              network-based data to temporarily replace the outdated  
              or errored data.